

March 9, 2009  
Monday

5:45 PM

**Call to order:** Mr. Jarvis called the meeting to order at 5:56pm

**Roll Call:** Present for roll call were Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds and Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry. Also, In attendance was Mr. Ipolliti (Historical Society), Mr. Garrett (Main Street Program), Mr. Garvin (Main Street Program), Mayor Ebert, Mr. Peoples (Public Works), Mr. Note (Landmarks) and Mr. Strayer (Development Director).

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to approve of the minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting. Mr. Deeds seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

**AYES:** Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry

**NAYS:**

Motion carried.

**Pended Items:**

## 06-01 Interurban Building Update

Mr. Jarvis passed around the conceptual drawing of the exterior of the building done by Mr. Bumpus. We are in the last week or so of the punch-out list. The roof has been replaced. The bricks have been restored, tuck-pointed and cleaned. All the bead board has been replaced along the eaves, as well as the gutters and downspouts. Lighting was installed around and under the eaves. The original door was re-hung and was used as a model for the other two doorways on the north side of the building. When this contractor is done, attention will turn to the landscaping of the exterior.

There will be a meeting tomorrow with the Finance Director, Mayor, Bill Sims, Bruce Jarvis and Bob Garvin to discuss what else needs to be done at the end of Phase I. The budget will also be discussed for the rest of the project.

The interior will be driven by the schedule and budget. When the exterior is finished, we may try to do some additional fundraising, as it has exceeded the original budget. Discussion ensued.

### **New Items for Discussion:**

Mr. Jarvis noted that he had the pleasure of representing Canal Winchester at the Annual Chicago Main Street Conference along with Councilwoman Mershon. The theme of the conference was using technology to promote your events. Many ideas were generated and can be incorporated. For example, Facebook can be used for notifications of Main Street Events. Mr. Garvin stated that they have a Facebook website already and use it for many photos. Type in “Main Street Canal Winchester Facebook” in Google and it will come up.

### **Old Business:**

Mr. Garvin stated that Main Street / Historical Society and Harvest Moon will have a display of photos from the Historical Society of the old Downtown Canal area starting April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and running for two weeks. Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be people around to answer questions about what it was like around here in the 1950’s and 1960’s.

Mr. Garvin stated that there have been many improvements made in the last three months, as far as, building improvements and curb appeal in the Downtown area. He thanked the Mayor for taking the time to send out the questionnaires, as they contain much valuable information for the Main Street program.

Mr. Jarvis added that Evan Brooks will be doing a blurb with a photo in the This Week paper on the Interurban building.

Mr. Deeds asked if Safety could look into repairing the boards in the Covered bridge. Mr. Peoples stated they are planning on it.

Mr. Deeds also asked if the train bridge is covered under a property maintenance code. Mr. Peoples stated that the code doesn’t cover it. The Railway says Canal Winchester can paint it whenever we want, but it is covered with lead-based paint and would require tenting to remove it before more paint could be applied. Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Deeds noticed that Shades left their lights up after the Holidays this year and he likes the way it looks. Mayor Ebert thought that the lights have always been up.

Mr. Peoples stated that the grant applications have been submitted to the Ohio Historical Preservation Office for the Certified Local Government for renovations to the exterior of 10 N. High. Tuck pointing and the windows will be addressed. Quality Masonry has been contacted for information about the options for renovations and the possibilities adhere to the Historic Preservation Society’s guidelines.

Mr. Strayer stated there is a developer coming in tonight that wants to do a 40 unit senior project on the Trevcor project behind Bolenbaugh’s.

### **Adjournment:**

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to adjourn this meeting of the Old Town Committee and was seconded by Mr. Deeds.

**VOTE:**                      **AYES:**                      **Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Deeds, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry**

**NAYS:**

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm